

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24 and 25 stand allowed. Claim 24 is amended and newly written claims 32-42 offered for consideration. Therefore, claims 24, 25 and 32-42 are the only claims remaining in this application.

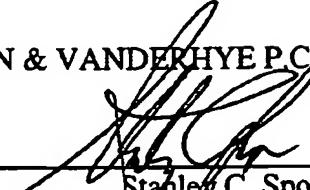
A minor amendment to allowed claim 24 is made to provide clear reference to the surface region as opposed to the recited porous silicon region. Newly written claim 32 is similar to amended claim 24 except that where claim 24 requires condition (i) and one of conditions (ii)- (v), claim 32 requires only one of conditions (i) – (v). This change in claim scope has clear support in the specification at pages 7-9 and claims 24 & 25 as originally filed.

Having responded to the minor error when became apparent to the applicant after receipt of the Notice of Allowance, it is submitted that claims 24, 25 and 32-42 are in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a personal telephone call or interview will facilitate allowance of these claims he is requested to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

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